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## The New Excise Law.

The new excise law passed by the recent Legislature goes into effect on July 4th. The new law is a mangled outgrowth of the Bishops' bill. There is much confusion regarding the interpretation of its provisions. The Citizens' Committee of Orange, through its chairman, Joseph D. Holmes, has issued a circular setting forth the provisions of the new law as interpreted by the legal advisers of that body:

The Bishops' bill provided that all screens or obstructions to a clear view of the interior of a saloon must be removed at all times; that a saloon must be in a room or the street or in a basement, that it shall only be entered from the street, and not connected with any other room; the last provision not to apply to an inn, tavern or restaurant. Strangely enough the bill as enacted contains similar provisions. As to the screens, it provides that the licensing body shall compel their removal at all hours when the sale of liquor is forbidden by law, and may compel their removal at all other times, and the provision for the removal of the screens and giving a clear view of the interior is more specific and stringent than in the original or Bishops' bill. The penalty for violation is a revocation of the license, and the violation is constituted keeping a disorderly house. Of course this means that on Sundays or election days or after 12 o'clock at night the bar-room must be open to plain view from the street, and also that the licensing body may require such clear view at all times, as is now the law in Massachusetts. But note the exceptions: The law applies in all cases (I quote), "if not an inn or tavern, or a hotel having at least ten spare rooms, and beds for the accommodation of boarders, transients and travelers, or a restaurant where the business of furnishing meals to the public for compensation is regularly carried on, and which restaurant is conducted and operated on more than one floor or story of the building where such business is carried on, or a piano or recreation ground, or a building with a bowling alley, or a building entirely occupied by a regularly organized club or association." In the above exempt cases the law does not apply, either as to screens or to liquor being served in the bar-room only. No prohibition occurs as to the side entrances, or as to back rooms, except that liquor may not be sold or served therein."

## Reduction of Fares.

The Public Service Corporation announced last week that on Monday the fare between Montclair and Newark would be reduced from six to five cents, and the fare from Newark to Verona and Caldwell to ten cents instead of eleven and fifteen cents respectively. The fare from Montclair to Verona and Caldwell will be five cents. Transfers from Valley Road cars will be good for fare on Bloomfield cars west to Caldwell and east to Newark without additional fare. Transfers from Croton cars will be good for fare west to Montclair and east to Newark without additional transfer. This concession would have been granted by the Public Service Company long ago, it is asserted, if the borough of Glen Ridge had been willing to give up its tax of \$1,000 a year, which it obtained under the original franchise agreement. Montclair had agreed to \$2,000 a year, but it surrendered upon the reduction of the fare, and has been willing to do so at any time, if Glen Ridge has held back. Whether the latter will now be compelled to give up its \$1,000 per annum remains to be seen.

Those of our citizens who use the trolley cars and have occasion to procure transfers between here and Newark, will be glad to learn that the price of them has been reduced from seven to five cents. The change went into effect on Monday.

## Tax Park Property.

At a recent meeting of the West Orange Town Council Town Attorney Rollinson directed attention of the members to the bill which, he said, made it possible for the Council to tax the land under the Orange reservoir. Mr. Rollinson added, though, that the matter of taxing the park property might have to be passed upon by the court. He said that the intention of the bill was to allow the taxation of the park property, but if the property was added to the town's taxes and the question was decided against the municipality, the results would be disagreeable. At his suggestion the matter was referred to the Board of Assessments.

## Senator Dryden's Life Work.

Certain it is that if Senator Dryden was thorough and through as well known, and as highly appreciated by the public generally, as he is universally in the business of life insurance, there would be no doubt whatever of his re-election. The great Prudential Insurance Company is his monument in life insurance, the result of his lifelong and active work. And, given further confidence by re-election to the exalted position of United States Senator from New Jersey, Mr. Dryden will without any doubt obtain for New Jersey and himself an honorable and conspicuous position because of his indomitable force, energy and close application to the duties appertaining to the office.

It has been our pleasure to sustain for a period of thirty years quite an intimate acquaintance with Senator Dryden, and our estimate of him as a man, and of his noble work in behalf of life insurance and the Prudential Insurance Company, is as follows:

The career of Senator John F. Dryden reveals him as among those extraordinary men who do and see things quite differently from others. His sense of vision is uncommonly acute; he possesses the remarkable faculty of intuitively and rapidly reaching the ultimate conclusion by simply considering the rudimentary cause.

Grand as is the present estate of the Prudential Insurance Company, we are inclined to the opinion that it does not surpass the dimensions as they existed in his imagination many years ago. The creator generally looks upon the substance and form the thing he is going to create long before it takes shape; and John F. Dryden is a creator.

In all the history of life insurance there is but one man who stands in the same class with him, and that man is Henry B. Hyde, the creator of the Equitable. These two men built these institutions out of comparatively nothing. Their genius, will, force and ability moulded all the primitive forms out of which grew successive developments of corporate existence. And for long time after the beginning they worked unaided and alone, and against tremendous difficulties.

The history of the organization and growth of the Prudential reads like a romance, a tale from the Arabian Nights. Differing only in that what in one case was performed by supernatural agencies at once, in the other grew slowly through the days of time under the directing influence of a great and luminous mind.

While Senator Dryden has much to feel gratified over—material success, professional position, a voice in the councils of the nation—we are convinced by our knowledge of the man that to him they seem as naturally a part of him as his clothes. He is not surprised by honors of success; so accurate is his provision, that they appear only as inevitable results.—

## A Protest from Watessing.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

Sir—About a month ago I went before the Town Council with a petition signed by over a hundred citizens of the Watessing section of the town protesting against a violation of the town ordinance by the Westinghouse-Church-Karr Company in their building operations. This petition specified in detail the various ordinances violated.

The day after this petition was handed to the Mayor and the so-called Superintendent of public works visited the location complained of and found things in a shocking condition, but instead of protecting the citizens who had complained to them, they immediately legalized some of the violations by granting this corporation permission to obstruct our streets in the face of the protest of our citizens.

Our roads now are covered with something like three inches of dirt and dust, which these people have dropped on them, but it seems that our present Town Council is entirely oblivious of the fact that we have an ordinance on our books specifically prohibiting this very practice.

Since the Town Council, through the superintendent of public works, granted this corporation permission to locate an office building on a public street they have become bolder and enlarged same and have run a spur of the Erie Railroad up to and more than half way across Clearedale avenue.

As this same Town Council seems to be very much against granting Thomas Gates & Co. permission to put in a grade crossing, I think it would be well for some one to examine this spur put in without any permission whatever.

As the citizens of Watessing have been unable to have our laws and ordinances enforced or even a pretense made to uphold them, I take this means of informing others in the town who might contemplate asking our officials to live up to the law, what they might expect if placed in a similar predicament.

CHARLES NICOLAI.

## Election of Officers.

The High School Athletic Association elected its officers Wednesday night: President, Walter Johnson; Vice-president, Leo Wright; secretary and treasurer, Malcolm Carl. The letter "B" was presented to the members of the various school teams, and Frederick Tydeman was given a jersey for wheeling team "B". Miss Natalie Bourne and Herbert F. Stone were presented with school caps.

*Eric's Examination.*  
One of the rules of the Erie Railroad requires an examination once in three years of all its engineers, trainmen, switchmen and yardmen to see that their sight, color, sense and hearing are not defective and acute enough for all practical work required of them in the discharge of their duties.

During the past month such an examination has been in progress on both the east and west sections of the Headline division.

## Baptist Sunday-School Excursion.

The annual excursion of the First Baptist Church Sunday-school will be held on Monday, July 9, at Belleville on the Lehigh Valley Railroad. Belleville is in the hill country of the northern part of this State, and on the side of the Musconetcong Mountain. Belleville Park is an excursion and recreation resort of about three hundred acres in extent.

Here are to be found all the accessories and surroundings of an ideal sylvan resort; Alpine elevation, mountain air, cool springs of crystalline water, cozy resting-nooks, dairy-spangled meadows, shaded walks and sheltering groves, while from the mountain top, the ascent to which is made easy by graded paths, the view presents a gently undulating country, billowing and sloping to the green valley of the Musconetcong away, where, nestled in rural shades, is quiet old Pattenburg; and from thence through gradually ascending glade-land, woodland, grove and orchard to where forest-crowned Picnic Mountain kisses the sky-line and frames the picture.

Scattered everywhere through the park are tables and seats for picnics, parties and basket luncheons, swings, teeter-boards, seesaws, Maypoles, etc., etc.

Special trolley cars will leave corner of Bloomfield Avenue and Liberty Street at 8:45 A. M. sharp, connecting with special train at foot of South Broad Street, Newark, at 9:45 A. M.

The excursionists will reach home at 7:30 P. M. Adult's tickets are one dollar, and children's tickets fifty cents.

## Miss Van Tassel's Musicale.

One of the pleasing features of commencement week was a musicale given by Miss Annie Van Tassel at her home No. 91 Linden Avenue, on Wednesday evening, June 26. The soloists were

Mrs. C. E. Moher, soprano; Mr. C. B. Lawrence, baritone; Miss Annie Wilcox, mandolin. The rooms were pretty decorated with ferns, palms and daffodils.

After seven people, relatives and friends of the pupils were present, and expressed their high appreciation of the excellent work of the young folks.

At the conclusion of the formal programme refreshments were served and a social hour spent. The programme was as follows:

Piano Duet, La Flurette, Wellesley

Master J. H. James and Leslie W. James,

Misses Anna and Clara Clay

Piano Solo, Panay Schottische, Hill

Piano Solo, Fling MacFadden,

Vocal Solo, Miss Janet Collins Taylor,

An Open Secret, Woodman

Piano Solo, Pheasant Bevorie, Demarque

Piano Solo, Miss Hazel H. Torbenson,

Mandolin Solo, Selected

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Piano Solo, Melody of Love, Engleman

Piano Solo, Dance of Fairies, Meacham

Vocal Solo, Miss Etta L. Morris, Selected

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